



2014 NHYC Opening Day Regatta SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

April 26, 2014

OA: Newport Harbor Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. For the Harbor 20 classes only, RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*.
- 1.3. US Sailing prescriptions 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be located on the official notice board, located in the main hallway at NHYC and on the online notice board (www.nhyc.org).
- 2.2. Any change in the sailing instructions made ashore will be posted on the official notice board (located in the main hallway on NHYC) and online not fewer than thirty (30) minutes before it will take effect.
- 2.3. Flag 'L' over the numeral pennant of the most recent amendment will be displayed ashore.
- 2.4. Oral changes to the sailing instructions may be given on the water from the R/C signal boat; flag 'K' accompanied with five long sounds will indicate that a change has been made.

3. RACING AREAS

- 3.1. The racing area for all classes will be in the harbor north of NHYC.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The first warning signal will be given at 1300 Saturday April 26th.

5. COURSES AND MARKS

- 5.1. For the Harbor 20 classes, the diagram provided in Addendum 1 shows the approximate location of all possible turning marks. These marks are fixed yellow spires or other permanent mark or buoy.
- 5.2. The order in which the marks are to be rounded will be displayed on a board on the R/C signal boat at or before the warning signal for that class.
- 5.3. For the Lehman 12 classes, the courses will be selected from those described in Addendum 2.
- 5.4. The starting/finishing mark will be an orange inflatable shape.
- 5.5. The starting/finishing line marks are not marks of the course except when starting or finishing.
- 5.6. All marks are to be left to port unless otherwise indicated.

6. START/FINISH

- 6.1. Races will be started using RRS Appendix S, the Sound Signal Starting System.
- 6.2. The starting/finishing line will be a straight line between the course side of an orange inflatable mark and the course side of a staff with an orange flag on the RC signal boat.
- 6.3. Five (5) boats in the starting area will constitute a class division entitled to a separate start. Divisions may be combined in the event there are not sufficient boats to meet this requirement. Upon elimination of a division, the starting times of succeeding class divisions will advance accordingly. **Competitors must be alert for the display of their class/division indicator at the warning signal for each race.**
- 6.4. The race committee intends for the order of start to be: H20A, H20B, H20C, L12A, L12B

7. TIME LIMIT

- 7.1. The time limit for the first boat in each division to finish will be ninety (90) minutes.
- 7.2. A boat that fails to *finish* within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course will be scored Time Limit Expired ("TLE") without a hearing and will receive points equal to the number of boats *finishing* plus two (2). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5, and A11.

- 7.3. If a boat in last place is delaying the next start, the race committee may order the race terminated and score that boat points equal to last place.

8. PROTESTS

- 8.1. Protests shall be written on forms available at the Protest Desk located in the Race Office at NHYC and shall be delivered to the Protest Desk no later than thirty (30) minutes after the race committee boat has returned to the dock. That time will be posted.
- 8.2. Protests will be heard as soon as possible, in the order determined by the protest committee.
- 8.3. It is the sole responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2. When five (5) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10. TROPHIES

- 10.1. Trophies will be presented at NHYC as soon as possible after the last race on Saturday, April 26th.
- 10.2. The winners of the Harbor 20 A and Harbor 20 B divisions will receive the Bill Fundenburg Memorial Trophy.
- 10.3. The winner of the Lehman 12 A division will receive the James Russet Nash Memorial Rum Keg Trophy.

11. DISCLAIMER

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in these races participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Ratings Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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Appendix S – Sound-Signal Starting System

The appendix is a US Sailing prescription.

US SAILING prescribes that, when the sailing instructions so indicate, the Sound-Signal Starting System described below shall be used. This system is recommended primarily for small-boat racing and makes it unnecessary for competitors to use stopwatch. Supplemental visual course and recall signals are also recommended when practicable.

- S1** Course and postponement signal may be made orally.
- S2** Audible signals shall govern, even when supplemental visual signals are also used.
- S3** The starting sequence shall consist of the following sound signals made at the indicated times.

Signal	Sound	Time before start
Warning	3 long	3 minutes
Preparatory	2 long	2 minutes
	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 long	1 minute
	3 short	30 seconds
	2 short	20 seconds
	1 short	10 seconds
	1 short	5 seconds
	1 short	4 seconds
	1 short	3 seconds
	1 short	2 seconds
	1 short	1 second
Starting	1 long	0

- S4** Signals shall be timed from their commencement.
- S5** A series of short signals may be made before the sequence begins in order to attract attention.
- S6** Individual recalls shall be signaled by the hail of the sail number (or some other clearly distinguishing feature) of each recalled boat. Flag X need not be displayed.
- S7** Failure of a competitor to hear an adequate course, postponement, starting sequence or recall signal shall not be grounds for redress.

NEWPORT HARBOR YACHT CLUB Inside Race Course Chart

